

Thursday 16 October 2025



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from Mrs Henshall

#### **Harvest Festival**

It was lovely to see so many of you in Church to celebrate Harvest with us. Thank you for taking the time to come and support the children. As always they were amazing! It can be quite daunting for them to perform in Church in front of so many adults and we were very proud of how well they did!

#### **Attendance**

Thank you to everyone for really supporting us with our school attendance which is currently at 97% - this is above both National and Wiltshire attendance figures.

#### **End of Term**

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of our Term 1 – it has flown by, with so many extra activities taking place – baking using our school apples, making pumpkin soup, Taekwondo lessons, wearing something yellow for Young Minds, school trips and choir performances! It has been lovely to see the children enjoying all the additional things that have taken place.

I hope everyone has a restful break and returns in November for our very busy Term 2!

### All Together@4

All Together@4 is an all-age event organised by the local churches, taking place at By Brook Valley School once a month on a Sunday afternoon. The next meeting will be on Sunday 26 October at 4pm (arrive from 3.45pm) and we would love you to join us, (children do need to be accompanied by an adult). A short 15 minute service is followed by a choice of activities suitable for all ages and ends with tea and cake. This month we will be thinking of light and dark as the clocks change. We will be planting bulbs, and making lantern and candle based crafts as well as the usual bible study and discussion groups.

### 2024-25 Bubbles Outstanding Payments

Letters were sent home last week to those who still have outstanding balances on their bubbles accounts for 24-25, if you received a letter and have not yet made a payment, please login to ParentPay and make a payment against the **24-25 Bubbles** payment item **as soon as possible!**

### Important! Spy Dogs/Pups and Spy Cat books

We have been made aware of the following information regarding a set of children's books. The books involved are the series Spy Dogs/Pups and Spy Cat books written by Andrew Cope. These books contain a link to a website which contains highly inappropriate and offensive content. The book asks children to explore the website to find more about the characters in the book. It appears the website identified (on the back or inside page) has been compromised. We can confirm that we do not have any of these books in our school library. Please see the BBC news article for more information: [Spy Dog: Children's books pulled over explicit weblink - BBC News](#)

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### Poppy Appeal

Over the next couple weeks we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling a range of poppy themed items such as snap bands, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. All donations for this worthy cause will be greatly received! Thank you!



### Colorfoto Individual and Sibling Photos

Just to make you aware that Colorfoto will be in school on **Tuesday 21 October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform on this day. Thank you!

If you have younger or pre-school age siblings they are also welcome to come into school at **8.30am** on this day.

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### Year 6 PGL Meeting

We will be holding a PGL information meeting in the school hall on **Tuesday 21 October** at **6.00pm**. The children do not need to come as they would have been given the information already. You will be able to find out more about the activities that the children will be enjoying and there will be a chance for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



### End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2

School finishes for the October half term holiday on **Tuesday 21 October** at the normal time of 3.15pm. All children are due back to school on **Monday 3 November**.

**Please note that if your child is on the register for a hot school meal on the last day of term the main option is now fish fingers and chips on this day instead of sausage pasta bake.**



### Applying for a school place at Secondary School

Don't forget, if your child is transferring to Secondary School in September 2026 you must apply for a Secondary School place! You can apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) and the deadline for admissions is **midnight 31 October 2025**.



### Year 5 Class Assembly

The children in year 5 would very much like to invite parents and carers to their class assembly on **Friday 7 November** in the school hall at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it!



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### **Anti-Bullying Week**

We will be starting off anti-bullying week on **Monday 10 November** where the children can come to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.



To finish the week, we will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 14 November**. More details to follow soon!



### **School Lunches**

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by midnight Wednesday for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

<b>Order By</b>	<b>To have meals in week commencing</b>
<b>29/10/25 (in half term)</b>	<b>3/11/25</b>
<b>5/11/25</b>	<b>10/11/25</b>
<b>12/11/25</b>	<b>17/11/25</b>
<b>19/11/25</b>	<b>24/11/25</b>
<b>26/11/25</b>	<b>1/12/25</b>
<b>3/12/25</b>	<b>8/12/25</b>
<b>10/12/25</b>	<b>15/12/25</b>

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## After School Clubs – Term 2

Please use the following information to book your child a place.

Please remember not to book Bubbles after school club if you are booking onto one of these clubs unless children are going back to Bubbles after the club has finished. In this case you will need to book from the 4.00pm session.

### MONDAY

#### Art Club – KS2

Monday 3 November – Monday 15  
December  
3.15pm-4.30pm

Please contact directly to make a  
booking:  
Kathy.hutton1@hotmail.com

#### Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 3 November – Monday 15  
December

Run by Miss Hamilton & Miss Knapp  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

To make a booking please contact the  
school office.

### TUESDAY

#### Dodgeball – KS1 (Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and Reception)

Run by PH ActiveEd  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 4 November to Tuesday  
16 December

[https://phsports.childcare-online-  
booking.co.uk/index.php](https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php)

### WEDNESDAY

#### Dance Class – YR-6

Run by A Stars Dance

Please contact directly to make a  
booking:

07815 539693 (Sophia)

#### KS2 – Hockey Club

Run by Up and Under  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 5 November to Wednesday  
10 December

[https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/pr  
oduct/bybrook-valley-primary-school-  
ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-term-1-2-  
2025/](https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-term-1-2-2025/)



**NO NUTS!!**

#### **Severe Nut Allergies in School – NO NUTS PLEASE!!**

Please be aware that we have a few children in school who have **severe** nut allergies so please do not include any nuts of any kind in your child's lunch boxes or snacks. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Holidays in Term Time**

Headteachers **cannot authorise any holidays** and parents who still choose to take their child out **will** be fined by the local authority. Attendance is seen as a very high priority and a very significant factor in ensuring children attain their maximum potential each and every year. Please support your child, their learning and the school by booking your holidays out of school term times. A copy of the absence policy is available on the school website [www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk)

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### **Contacting School if Your Child is Absent**

Please ring the school (01249 783006) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – the school has an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name and the reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. If you have not contacted us by the end of morning break (10.30am), we will try to ring you to enquire about the absence.

Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school **48** hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### **Is my child too ill for school?**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **Medication in School**

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. antibiotics etc. to children. Parents can come into school to give medication if required.

### **Bubbles After School Club**

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call **07587 133510**. If you know you are going to be late and unable to collect your child on time from bubbles after school club, please contact the Bubbles team as soon as possible.

## **2025/2026 Diary Dates**

### **October**

Friday 17	Year 3 and 4 Roman Villa Trip
Tuesday 21	Colorfoto Individual and Sibling Photos
Tuesday 21	Parents Evening
Tuesday 21	PGL Meeting – 6pm
Tuesday 21	Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 22	TD Day – No children in school

### **November**

Monday 3	First day of Term 2 – All children in School
Friday 7	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 10 – 14	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10	Odd Sock Day
Monday 10	Choir Christmas Voice Festival – 5.30pm (Bradford on Avon)
Friday 14	Children in Need
Friday 14	Reception Cake Sale
Tuesday 18	Linger and Learn - History
Friday 28	Year 6 Class Assembly

### **December**

Friday 5	Santa Run
Tuesday 9	Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day
Tuesday 9	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play
Thursday 11	Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Friday 12	Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Tuesday 16	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thursday 18	Christmas Service – details to follow
Friday 19	Last Day of Term 2 – Finish early 2pm

### **January**

Monday 5	First Day of Term 3
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### **2025 - 26 TD Days**

Here is a reminder of the 2025-26  
TD Days:

Wednesday 22 October 2025  
Friday 13 February 2026  
Monday 1 June 2026  
Wednesday 22 July 2026

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